

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 2223 - SB 2356**

February 25, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to create an educational and treatment program for compulsive gambling disorder. The program is funded by a \$50 lottery retailer renewal fee to be deposited in a special compulsory gambling account. The funds can be utilized only for the program. Any reserves and interest earned would be carried forward into the next year and the program is to begin by September 1, 2005. The department is to report annually to the House Health and Human Resources Committee, the Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee, and the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$200,000**

**Increase State Revenues - \$200,000**

According to the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, the cost of the treatment of gambling disorders is approximately \$3,000 per person. This bill would allow for treatment of 67 persons.

The Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation estimates there are 4,000 retailers who would pay the \$50 renewal fee each year.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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